

THE SONG IN THE STORM.

But on a dripping bough
A single bird sang clear and true
Above the howling wind and rain
That with its slender feet
Kept time to the music of the storm.

And when the storm was o'er
The bird sang on the bough
As if it had been there
From the beginning of the day
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The Author.
HERE was commotion in the
barracks.

Private James Nolan had been
discovered in his cot with his
throat cut, and, lying on the floor on the left
of his bed, close to his drooping

head, as he was known to be a right-
handed man, this was strange to begin
with. But he had lately come into a
renewed interest in the death of a re-
gimental comrade.

The man bore a good character;
he was quiet, sober and industrious.
He was a man, one whom the married
and the regimental liked to utilize
in doing pictures, or other home-
like duties. He had been a decorator—and
he should commit suicide almost
directly after receiving the news
of the death of his existence.

He was well known; he had
no worries, no reason what-
soever to commit the rash act which had
deprived him of his life.
The regimental comrade got to asking: "Was it un-
derstandable?" And the thinking
of the officers and the deceased
comrades came to the opinion
that it was not.

They only mentioned their
regimental comrade. There is
a feeling amongst soldiers that
they never wash your dirty linen
in public.

This was a queer business and one
which touched regimental feelings to
think, and so, amongst themselves,
they searched and inquiry was being
made.

It seemed plain enough for an
inquiry, in fact, a coroner's in-
quiry that "the deceased had com-
mitted suicide while insane," but there
was all that uncomfortable feeling,
that taste in the mouth, that
was unknown, at present in the
regiment.

James Nolan came from Pres-
cott, Arizona. He had been born
in a mining town, his folks had been
miners, and he had followed the
trade. And he had belonged,
for a short time, to the militia—the
militia of his present regiment.

His life could be, and was,
back to his earliest days. As a
boy he was an inoffensive sort of a
fellow, and, as such, had no enemies even
in childhood. He was given to en-
joying sport and thrashing sooner than
fighting.

Some inquiries were made the less
we had to suppose that he had
any way who would proceed to such
extremity as murder.

It was, so the doctor said, cer-
tainly not induced by himself—the de-
ed. It had begun from left and ran
to right, where it ended in a
determined grasp. And yet the
was found on his left side, and
not his right, hand was cov-
ered with blood; and he was a right-
handed man.

There always had a fair share of en-
ergy in his nature; and, putting
aside all extraneous ideas—divesting
himself of every opinion promulgated
by himself to work to solve the mys-
tery, but I also must confess that it
was a mystery, and I felt very
advanced of myself for having
reasoned the suspicion.

There was an old French minister (I
don't know who, whenever he had any
brought before him, from the
days when he was a local magis-
trate, until he attained high dignities,
and I felt very advanced of myself for
having reasoned the suspicion.

and I have no doubt that some of the
old officers of the old corps of my time
will remember the case.

Private Nolan was an actor. How he
got the strain in him I don't know; but
there was no doubt about it. The
quiet, retiring man in public or on
duty became a rollicking farmer, on a
jovial step dancer, once you got him on
the boards. And as I was stage man-
ager I ought to know. Naturally he
had his detractors, and those who were
jealous of his renown.

It was among those that I settled in
my own mind to prosecute my re-
searches and inquiries first.

A long, loose-limbed Scotchman
named Macdougall was my primary
suspect. I knew him to be, as most
of his race, an intensely jealous indi-
vidual. But he did not seem to me to
"fit" the position of murderer for such
a mere trifle as occasional professional
jealousy.

Then, again, there was an Irishman.
He might have loose principles on the
tenure of life and the advisability of
permitting a rival to live to eclipse
his own talents; but I didn't think even
he would go so far as cold-blooded murder.

I short, the more I dived into the busi-
ness, the more puzzled I became; and, I
think, so would anyone else.

Most folks who love their Shakespeares
(and I am one) remember that scene,
so effectively rendered by Irving,
of Hamlet and the players.

I determined, finally, to test the differ-
ent men whom I suspected by a
similar trick. I chose the play of
"The Belles," and I cast the man on
whom my suspicions had centered for
the principal role—that of the Jew,
Mathias. I insisted on his coming to
my quarters to receive certain hints
and certain stage promptings. He
was quick enough at picking these up,
but try as I might—in a quiet way—I
could discover no trace of guilt in him.

Time drew on, and I was still as much
at fault as ever. There is a particu-
larly thrilling part in "The Belles," when
the Jew, Mathias, is mesmerized and,
while in a state of hypnotic uncon-
sciousness, relates the story of his crime
in every detail, thrilling the court with
the intensity and evident veracity of
his statements. I had cast myself for
the role of the hypnotizer.

Never once did my "subject" and my-
self go through an entire rehearsal of
our respective parts, and on the night
of the actual representation, when
there was a full-dress rehearsal, I was,
unfortunately (but very opportunely
for the success of my plot), taken ill
suddenly and obliged to ask that my
part should be read.

The next night I was quite well
again, and the play proceeded smoothly
enough, until the court scene was
reached.

I had keenly observed Macdougall
all along and imagined that the ex-
citement and the surroundings gener-
ally appeared to have roused him, yet
not so much as to be noticed, except by
a close watcher.

His excitement seemed to increase as
"the" scene drew nigh. I had spent a
good deal of time and trouble over it
with him and thought he had grasped
its perception. He certainly did jus-
tice to my anticipations.

As he told his ghastly story under
the hypnotic influence he really worked
himself up uncommonly well; and as he
related the actual details of the murder
he seemed to put himself actually
in the murderer's place.

He approached the end of his thrill-
ing confession. His eyes were fixed
firmly on my own, and I was returning
the steady stare as intently.

I noticed a slight faltering in his
speech; and as the last word dropped
from his lips, I bent forward, still hold-
ing his gaze, and whispered sternly,
but in accents too low to be audible to
the audience—
"Murderer!"

With a piercing shriek he threw up
his arms and fell to the floor as if
struck by a thunderbolt, only to be at-
tacked by a violent epileptic fit.



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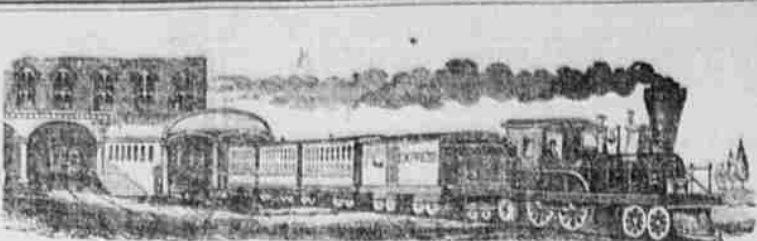
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Editor Julian's Influence.
San Marcos, People's Era.
During our long residence in San Marcos
we have witnessed the growth to men and
women of many who were children when
we came. We meet such almost daily,
and it gives us inexpressible satisfaction
to know and feel that through no word of
ours, whether spoken, written or printed,
nor through our example or influence, has
one of these young people been led to
take a wrong step or turn aside from an
honorable career in life; but, on the con-
trary, that our small influence has ever
been given for the good and true. This
consciousness is more precious to us than
gold or glory.

SOCIETY SAYS SO.
Society said that one must use Creole
Female Tonic or trust to the various dan-
gerous compounds which weaken or in-
terfere with the functional activity of
the uterine system and cause serious re-
sults. Creole Female Tonic cures, up-
builds and strengthens.

LADIES
Needing a tonic, or children who want build-
ing up, should use
BROWN'S IRON BITTERS.
It is pleasant; cures malaria, indigestion,
biliousness, liver complaints and neuritis.

City taxes must be paid before January
1, 1894.



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